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2,5-Diketo-D-Gluconic Acid Reductases
And Associated Methods**

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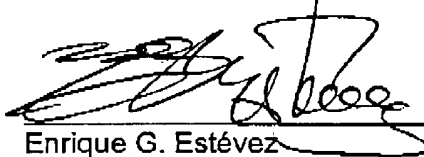
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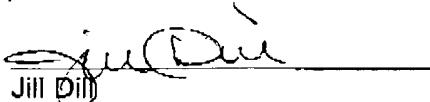
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